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Dear Mr. Tarlton and Mr. Rehder:

The purpose of this letter is to request your agencies' formal comments on the draft Decommissioning Program Plan (DPP), submitted for your review on September 29, 1997. In your joint response to our submittal, you stated that "detailed comments (on the DPP) would be a time consuming and futile effort." However, at a meeting with you on October 30, 1997, you shared with us a detailed listing of steps that you believe should be included in a "Building Disposition Regulatory Process," as well as information to be included in a Project Execution Plan.

At this juncture, we are unclear as to your agencies' views on the appropriate path forward for production of a DPP for public review and comment. We suggest that, contrary to your assertion noted above, the materials you distributed at our October 30, meeting do provide a basis for discussion to revise the current draft DPP. If you agree, we ask that you submit these to us as formal comments on the draft DPP already submitted. If you do not agree that the draft DPP can be modified into a document that is acceptable for public release, we ask that you transmit your formal disapproval of the document. Per Paragraph 107 of the Rocky Flats Cleanup Agreement, which we believe to be applicable to the DPP, we ask that, should you disapprove the DPP, you "state the changes that DOE would have to make to receive approval." In the interest of quickly resolving the outstanding DPP issues, we ask that you transmit your comments or your disapproval within seven days of receipt of this letter.

We continue to believe that a DPP that describes the overall building disposition process, following the model of the draft DPP already submitted, will be valuable to the agencies involved and to the public. We therefore look forward to continuing our dialogue on the DPP, and will be in contact with you to schedule a meeting to continue to resolve DPP issues, or to frame them for disposition using the RFCA dispute process.

If you have any questions regarding these issues, please call John Rampe at 966-6246.

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